



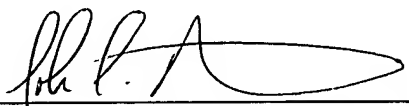
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**AMENDMENT A AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated December 28, 2005, Applicants submit the following Remarks.

Based on the Office Action dated December 28, 2005, Applicants understand that the shortened statutory period for response expired on March 28, 2006. Applicants hereby petition for a 1-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a). The fee of \$120.00 for the 1-month

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extension is enclosed herewith. Further, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account 19-2555.

Kindly consider the following remarks.